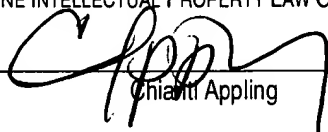


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on June 14, 2005.

Accordingly, the following documents are enclosed herewith.

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months;
- 2) Exhibit A: Results of A BLAST search of SEQ ID NO:9;
- 3) Exhibit B: GenBank entry AF312915; and
- 4) Exhibit C: Collins *et al.* (2001) *Genome Res.* 11 (6), 1034-1042.

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.